Categorisation of Medicines

2551. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in a recent judgement made it mandatory for the pharmaceutical companies to categorise the medicines as vegetarian and non-vegetarian;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether necessary directives have been issued for compliance of the judgements of the Hon'ble High Court; and

(d) if so, whether the pharmaceutical companies have started adhering to the directives?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in their order dated 13.11.2002, in the matter of Ozair Hussain *V/s.* Union of India directed that Cosmetics and Drugs other than life saving should bear a symbol indicating whether they contain ingredients of animal origin or non-animal origin.

In view of the fact that it would not be feasible to classify drugs as life saving and non-life saving and leaving the administration of the drug to the choice of the patient may adversely affect the health care system, an SLP has been filed in the Supreme Court of India against the order of the High Court of Delhi.

CT Scan machine for Medical College and Hospital in Chandigarh

†2552. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have written many a time to Medical College and Hospital situated in Union Territory of Chandigarh to install a CT Scan machine for which funds have been allocated thrice but the College and the Hospital Administration failed to do so;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that CT Scan machine is now being installed by the Hospital and Medical College Administration in private area; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bifurcation of Bokajan Cement Factory from CCI

2553. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been approached by MPs from Assam requesting the bifurcation of Bokajan Cement Factory from the sick Cement Corporation of India (CCI);

(b) whether any decision has been taken on this memorandum; and

(c) whether Bokajan Unit of CCI will be bifurcated and whether a new public sector company will be floated to save the Bokajan unit?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The memorandum was considered.

(c) The Government of Assam has been requested to indicate their willingness to take over the Bokajan Cement Factory of Cement Corporation of India Limited.

Reconstruction of sick PSUs

2554. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group of Ministers has recently approved the reconstruction of sick public sector undertakings;